

BORREGO SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Proposition Z

(This proposition will appear on the ballot in the following form.)

PROP Z

To provide protection and suppression services and emergency medical services to the community of Borrego Springs, shall the Borrego Springs Fire Protection District be authorized to levy annual special taxes per Assessor's Parcel per unit as set forth in Resolution No. 277?

This proposition requires approval by two-thirds of the voters.

**Full text of this proposition
follows the argument.**

COUNTY COUNSEL IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Pursuant to authority granted by statute, the Borrego Springs Fire Protection District ("District") is asking registered voters of the District to vote on a ballot measure proposing the adoption of an annual special tax. Revenue raised by the special tax may only be used to pay for the costs of fire protection and suppression services and emergency medical services within the District.

Specifically, the measure requests voter approval of special taxes levied annually on a parcel, class of improvement to property and use of property basis as set forth in Resolution No. 227 of the District.

Approval by two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure is required to adopt the special taxes. The District may not levy more than the taxes set forth in the resolution without again obtaining two-thirds voter approval.

A "yes" vote means that you are in favor of adoption of annual special taxes for providing fire protection and suppression services and emergency medical services.

A "no" vote means that you are opposed to adoption of annual special taxes for providing fire protection and suppression services and emergency medical services.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION Z

Dear Borrego Springs Neighbor:

Please join us in voting YES on Z to preserve and improve Borrego Springs Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services.

The Firefighters and Directors of the Borrego Springs Fire Protection District have used our tax dollars carefully and efficiently. The Fire District established in 1961 enabled Borrego Springs to receive a portion of property taxes to provide fire protection services. Until 1992 there was enough money to include ambulance services. Since 1992, the State of California has taken a portion of this money away each year, reducing property tax income annually. Since 1992 they have taken 1,631,291. In November of 1996 voters approved a benefit assessment to maintain fire suppression and ambulance service. The assessment fees were \$75.00 per year for single family residents, \$60 for mobil homes, commercial property was a bit higher and vacant land a bit lower.

In August 2000 through private donations the Fire District was able to upgrade Emergency Medical Services to include Paramedics. With the continued growth in the community the Emergency Medical calls have been on a steady incline. By providing paramedic care the District has saved the community thousands of dollars in air transport fees.

The Board of Directors is asking for a Special Tax to be passed by voters on November 2, 2004. The fee schedule will remain the same as passed in 1996 there is NO proposed increase. Proposition Z needs our votes to be successful. If two-thirds of votes cast in the election are "YES" Life-saving services will be maintained and improved in the Community.

Our community needs the best fire and ambulance services possible. Passing the Special Tax insures the continuation of critically needed emergency services. **Please Vote "YES" on Z.**

BOB MOORE

Director, Borrego Springs Fire District

JOE DEL BONO

Firefighters Association

JACQUELINE N. HINE

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION Z

No argument against the proposition was filed
in the office of the Registrar of Voters.

EXHIBIT A
RESOLUTION NO. 277
PROVISIONS FOR LEVY OF SPECIAL TAX

- \$ 75.00 per single family residence
- \$ 60.00 per mobile home in an established mobile home park
- \$ 50.00 per apartment unit, condominium unit and duplex unit
- \$ 15.00 per unit plus \$15.00 per acre for hotels, motels and resorts
- \$ 65.00 per acre for shopping centers/malls
- \$ 150.00 per parcel for commercial and industrial
- \$ 100.00 per parcel for institutional (includes schools, youth and senior centers)
- \$ 100.00 per church
- \$ 25.00 per parcel for misc. recreational
- \$ 2.50 per acre and/or portion of acre, up to 15 acres per parcel, for vacant land
- \$ 5.00 per acre and/or portion of acre, up to 10 acres per parcel, for irrigated acreage and golf courses